

## HE BECAME A FRIEND OF CHRIST

**I**n the early days of the Christian Church, professing one's belief in Jesus Christ often meant persecution, torture and death. My, how we take our religious freedom for granted today.

On the cover today, we see the MARTYR ARTEMIOS. He was a man who fearlessly fought in the army of Constantine the Great in the struggle for religious freedom. He was born in the city of Alexandria in Egypt, and would later return to rule his native land. Artemios, a devout Christian, felt compelled to promote the growth of Christianity throughout Egypt. It was largely through his efforts that the Church attracted many converts.

After the death of Constantine the Great, his son Constantius succeeded his father upon the throne. He, too, was a personal friend of Artemios, and it was common for the new Emperor to call on Artemios to carry out tasks that would require diplomatic skills.

The days of suffering for the Church, however, were not quite over. Constantius soon was forced to deal with the evil Julian the Apostate, who wished to overthrow the Emperor. He was a great enemy of the Church, and soon Christian blood began to be shed again throughout the land because of Julian's bitter hatred for followers of Jesus.

Julian had a brother who had been put to death in Egypt. Thirsty for revenge, he attacked the city of Alexandria and immediately arrested Artemios. After severely torturing him, Julian ordered Artemios to be put to death by beheading. Instead of begging for mercy, Artemios had these final words for Julian: "In exchange for this trivial pain that you have brought upon me, I hope to receive eternal rest in the heavenly abode of my Lord, for whom I suffer."

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**ST.DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
**NORTH WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY**  
**October 15, 2023**

**SUNDAY OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

**WELCOME ALL VISITORS:**

On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, and the entire family of St. Demetrios, we would like to welcome our Visitors for joining us today in our sacred worship service. If you need any assistance please notify any of the Parish Council members. God Bless our Visitors and may your stay here be pleasant and memorable. Please don't hesitate to come again.

**SPONSORING COFFEE HOUR:**

If anyone is interested in sponsoring the coffee hour please contact the Church office – Monday-Wednesday-Friday (609) 522-0152 or contact Parish Council President Nick Konides (609) 425-0179.

**STEWARDSHIP NEWS:**

All our local and seasonal members and visitors are invited to register and enroll in our parish for the 2023 membership and join in weekly worship and to support of our parish "Stewardship Program" and ministries. The annual minimum enrollment offering is \$750 per family, and \$500 for single people. Please complete the parish membership registry forms that are available in the Narthex. Families that are in arrears are invited to reinstate their membership and participation in our parish life and ministries.

**55<sup>th</sup> FALL "GLENDI" DINNER DANCE:**

Mark your calendars! Saturday, November 4, 2023, 7:00 pm until 12:00 am. On the occasion of Saint Demetrios Name Day. The evening will include: 6:00 pm Hors D'oeuvres and Cocktails, followed by a Mezedakia-Dinner. Cash bar, dancing and singing. Live Music Provided. Tickets are available! Please call Parish Council President Nick Konides 609-522-0152 ext 103, speak to Parish Council Secretary Bill Mitchell after services or call the Church Office at ext 102.

**GREEK SCHOOL:** Classes are every Friday night 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, and the entire family of St. Demetrios, we would like to notify parents that Sunday School starts TODAY! We would like all parents to have their children at the church by 9:45 am. Every Sunday after the Gospel reading the children will go to their Sunday School classroom and then come back to receive their Holy Communion.

**NEW ST. DEMETRIOS WEBSITE:**

Exciting news! We have a new website! Please add [www.stdemetriosnewjersey.com](http://www.stdemetriosnewjersey.com) as a favorite on your devices. Be advised that the new website is now LIVE. Please review and enjoy. Donations are able to be processed on our website via the DONATIONS tab where you will find the VANCO QR Code (shown below).

**LITURGICAL PROGRAM FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:**

**WINTER SCHEDULE**

*(For Sunday Hours -9:00 am Orthos and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy)*

*(For Weekday Services -9:00 am Orthos and 9:30 am Divine Liturgy)*

*(For Vesper Services-6:00 pm)*

Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke-Orthos 9:00 am-Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, St. Demetrios Name Day-Great Vespers 6:00 pm

(small reception after church)

Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, St Demetrios Feast Day Celebration-Orthos 8:45 am-Divine Liturgy 9:30 am (reception after church)

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Holy Protection of the Theotokos/OXI Day –Orthos 9:00 am-Divine Liturgy 9:30 am-Doxology will take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke-Orthos 9:00 am -Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Month of October:**

General Assembly Meeting- (TODAY) Sunday, October 15, 12:00 pm

Great Vesper Service-Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm Celebration of the Feast Day of St. Demetrios- Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 am- Orthos 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

**Month of November:**

55<sup>th</sup> Fall Glendi Dinner Dance-Saturday, November 4, 7:00 pm until 12:00 am.

Parish Council Mtg- Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm (Date change)

Philoptochos-50/50 Drawing, November 6<sup>th</sup>



Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Πρόσχωμεν.

( Δόξα σοι, Κύριε, δόξα σοι. )

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Λου κ' 5 - 15

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἐξηλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπείραι τὸν σπόρον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐν τῷ σπείρειν αὐτὸν ὁ μὲν ἔπεσε παρὰ τὴν ὁδόν, καὶ κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατέφαγεν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυὲν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ἱκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφυεῖσαι αἱ ἄκανθαι ἀπέπνιξαν αὐτό. καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ φυὲν ἐποίησε καρπὸν ἑκατονταπλασίονα. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· Ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω. Ἐπὶ τῶν δὲ μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· Τίς εἴη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· Ὑμῖν δέδοται γνῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ συνῶσιν. Ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολή· ὁ σπόρος ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἴτα ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἶρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας οἱ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ρίζαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν, οἱ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ

ἀφίστανται. τὸ δὲ εἰς τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ πλούτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ τελεσφοροῦσι. τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῇ, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἵτινες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσι καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ. Ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω.

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

PRIEST

Let us be attentive.

( Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You. )

DEACON

Lk. 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path

are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." [RSV]

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## The Children's Word

### WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Ananias  
Anoint  
Apostle  
Baptize  
Chrysostom  
Enemies  
Love  
Mercy  
Seventy

H	Y	R	E	L	T	S	O	P	A	Z	E	S	R	M
O	O	T	C	H	R	Y	S	O	S	T	O	M	E	H
M	A	F	N	P	P	E	V	N	V	T	T	R	O	E
K	N	N	V	E	I	N	C	O	Z	Z	C	G	B	D
P	P	Z	O	M	V	C	S	B	I	Y	Z	R	B	F
F	W	W	E	I	D	E	C	A	D	M	N	R	D	L
R	N	N	B	B	N	A	S	P	L	S	W	B	O	I
B	E	B	B	L	N	T	J	T	Q	G	M	F	C	G
P	A	W	L	A	D	Q	Q	I	W	M	E	C	I	A
Y	E	N	N	N	W	X	Y	Z	G	U	V	X	B	S
D	D	I	I	L	T	V	C	E	S	N	O	Y	Q	U
F	A	I	B	O	X	Z	Q	T	A	X	L	J	W	B
S	K	Q	U	I	Z	O	U	K	S	R	U	K	G	E
L	P	A	U	U	R	S	M	B	F	H	C	J	L	G
A	R	Z	Q	Y	E	O	K	W	L	F	S	N	D	R

### WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Do you know what is happening in this icon of Saint Paul and Saint Ananias? St. Paul is being baptized!

This icon is from the famous Decani Monastery. The icons there are some of the most beautiful in the world!

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Απολυτίκιον Αναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος β'.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ  
ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας,  
τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ  
τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων  
ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων  
ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν  
δόξα σοι.

Τῶν Πατέρων.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς  
ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας  
ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν  
ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας·  
πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ

Μέγαν εὐρατο ἐν ταῖς κινδύνοις, σὲ  
ὑπέρμαχον ἡ οἰκουμένη, ἁθλοφόρε τὰ ἔθνη  
τροποῦμενον. Ὡς οὖν Λυαίου καθεῖλες, τὴν  
επαρσιν, ἐν τῷ σταδίῳ θαρρύνας τὸν  
Νέστορα, οὕτως ἅγιε μεγαλομάρτυς  
Δημήτριε, Χριστὲν-τὸν Θεόν· ἱκέτευε,  
ᾧωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν το μέγα ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος β'.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε  
μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ  
παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ  
πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν,  
τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον  
εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ  
προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων  
σε.

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode 2.

When You descended unto Death, O Lord,  
You who are immortal Life put Hades to death  
by the lightning of Your divinity. And when  
You raised the dead from the netherworld,  
all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O  
Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!" [GOASD]

For the Fathers.

Mode pl. 4.

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our  
God. You established the holy Fathers upon  
the earth as beacons, and through them You  
have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly  
merciful One, glory be to You. [SD]

Apolytikion of the Parish Church

Kontakion. Mode 2.

O Protection of Christians that never falls,  
intercession with the Creator that never fails,  
we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices  
of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore  
you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry  
out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession,  
and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who  
protect now and ever those who honor you.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Πρὸς Τίτον Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ  
ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Tit 3:8-15

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ  
τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιοῦσθαι, ἵνα  
φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι οἱ  
πεπιστευκότες θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ  
ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις  
καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς  
περίστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι.  
Αἵρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν  
νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ  
τοιούτος καὶ ἀμαρτάνει, ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος.  
Ὅταν πέμπω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σέ ἡ Τυχικόν,  
σπούδαςον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν,  
ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηναῖον τὸν  
νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον,  
ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπῃ. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ  
οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι εἰς  
τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ᾧσιν ἄκαρποι.  
Ἀσπάζονταί σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἀσπασαί  
τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ  
πάντων ὑμῶν. Ἀμήν.

READER

Tit 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire  
you to insist on these things, so that those who  
have believed in God may be careful to apply  
themselves to good deeds; these are excellent  
and profitable to men. But avoid stupid  
controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and  
quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable  
and futile. As for a man who is factious,  
after admonishing him once or twice, have  
nothing more to do with him, knowing that  
such a person is perverted and sinful; he is  
self-condemned. When I send Artemas or  
Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me  
at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the  
winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the  
lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they  
lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply  
themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases  
of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All  
who are with me send greeting to you. Greet  
those who love us in the faith. Grace be with  
you all. Amen. [RSV]